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### Repentance vs Wordly Forgiveness in the Church - posted by deltadom (), on: 2016/11/24 14:03

In many churches I have people reinterpret the word forgiveness and the word repentance, people can get divorced and completely ignore the scriptures and go against the scriptures and I will just ask forgiveness.

I will just go and wreck someone's life and then just forgive them and not realising the ramifications that they have.

To me this is such an issue in the church it means that I can get away with anything as long as I forgive, this is the difference as repentance means actually if you have stolen something paying for it back, if you are sinning stop the sin and turn in the other direction.

We need the grace of God for true repentance. There is so much easy forgiveness or cheap grace whilst peoples lives are a mess. The thing is people can leave a train wreck through peoples lives whether pastors or the people in the pew. Then people have a seared conscious not realising the damage that they have run through peoples lives as people do not hold the bible as an authority.

You cannot go to say another church and say this is what the bible says, lets follow it. I know that even myself I cannot truly repent without God or even sort out problems without God but it breaks my heart even in my own life.

I have heard people say I have forgiven but have you repented and you made the wrong the right.

During the Revivals people brought back stolen items or paid taxes or made up with people that they have hurt. The bible says how can man love god but hate his brother.

We are all going to stand before God on Judgement Day. What are you going to say to him ? People can say whatever they like in Church as we are destined for two places Heaven or Hell. We need the grace of God.

I wish there was more Repentance in life, I do not want to be like Esau.

It breaks my heart when people have directly gone against the bible , broken a persons life apart and they have forgiven them but they have not repented. People can go against what the bible says against marriage but they have not restored the relationship or they have stolen something

There are so many other examples. My heart breaks as I have spoken to many pastors and most of them do not even know what repentance is, yet they give a slimy, unbiblical, cuddly form of forgiveness that has no resemblance to the biblical version look at the writings of R T Kendall.

I wish God could do this in my life as I need his grace as repentance is a gift from God

Psalm 130:4

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

Daniel 9:9

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

Mark 3:29

But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.

Acts 5:31

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 13:38

Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

Acts 26:18

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Ephesians 1:7

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Colossians 1:14

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

<http://biblehub.com/greek/859.htm>

phesis: dismissal, release, fig. pardon

Original Word: ἀφέσις, ἡ ἀφεσις, ἡ ἀφεσις

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: aphasis

Phonetic Spelling: (af'-es-is)

Short Definition: deliverance, pardon, complete forgiveness

Definition: a sending away, a letting go, a release, pardon, complete forgiveness.

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Cognate: 859 ἀφέσις (from 863 ἀφένωμι, "send away, forgive" ) ἀφένωμι properly, "something sent away"; i.e. remission ("forgiveness"), releasing someone from obligation or debt

Matthew 3:2

And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 3:8

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

Matthew 3:11

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 9:13

But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Matthew 11:20

Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

Matthew 11:21

Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Matthew 12:41

The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

Matthew 21:29

He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

Matthew 21:32

For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen him, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

Matthew 27:3

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Mark 1:4

John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Mark 1:15

And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Mark 2:17

When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Mark 6:12

And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

Luke 3:3

And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

Luke 3:8

Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Luke 5:32

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Luke 10:13

Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

Luke 11:32

The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

Luke 13:3

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 13:5

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Luke 15:7

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Luke 15:10

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Luke 16:30

And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

Luke 17:3

Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

Luke 17:4

And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

Luke 24:47

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 3:19

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 5:31

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 8:22

Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Acts 11:18

When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Acts 13:24

When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

Acts 17:30

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Acts 19:4

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Acts 20:21

Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 26:20

But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Romans 2:4

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Romans 11:29

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

2 Corinthians 7:8

For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season.

2 Corinthians 7:9

Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

2 Corinthians 12:21

And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

2 Timothy 2:25

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

Hebrews 6:1

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Hebrews 6:6

If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

Hebrews 7:21

(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

Hebrews 12:17

For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Revelation 2:5

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Revelation 2:16

Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Revelation 2:21

And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Revelation 2:22

Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

Revelation 3:3

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Revelation 3:19

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Revelation 9:20

And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

Revelation 9:21

Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Revelation 16:9

And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

Revelation 16:11

And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

**Re: Repentance vs Wordly Forgiveness in the Church , on: 2016/11/24 14:39**

Praise God for His mercy and forgiveness, and for the encouragement from the body (you know who you are)... out of no where the devil reminds you of an ugly past that's been washed away by the blood of the Lamb. If not for grace and mercy, where would we be? Oh the blood of Jesus! It washes white as snow.

**Re: Repentance vs Wordly Forgiveness in the Church - posted by Sree (), on: 2016/11/24 19:30**

The teaching on Repentance has drastically reduced in churches today. I believe one reason for this, to teach about repentance one has to speak about what to repent from, which is Sin. If one preaches on Sin then people will get offended and leave the church. Hence to avoid the risk, repentance is not preached at all.

But in the original post I find repentance and restitution being mixed. Though they are closely related, they are 2 different things. Repentance includes only turning away from sin and turning towards Jesus and asking his forgiveness. But restitution is what Zacheus did, when he repaid 4 times of what he cheated from others. Restitution is never emphasized in Bible as an essential for salvation. For example in Prodigal son's case, he never restituted the money that he wasted. But his father still accepted him. But it is good to always do restitution if we want to be freed from bondage of sin.

I find the reason why God's word does not make restitution as an essential for salvation is, the complexity surrounding it. We cannot retribute all our past sins. For example in complex case of divorce like what the sister has explained here, one cannot force a simple restitution.

I do not believe we have to teach about restitution, instead we have to give example from our own life. For example I have paid back all the tax money that I cheated during my unconverted days (just 1 year), by not applying for any tax relaxation for 2 continuous years of tax filing. I paid so much money back!